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After two years of experimentation with their minority racial group program,
the Chinese Communists admit that the following difficulties are still to be
overcome:

1. WANG Wei-chou (3769/4850/5207), chief of the National Minority Affairs Commission,¹ has stated that "some officials do not have enough acquaintance with the democratic principle of autonomy for the minority races; they consider the issue as a source of trouble and worry about the eventual breakup of the Chinese people as a result of this practice. They claim that since the People's Government belongs to the people, the minority nationals should not bother with so-called autonomy."
2. Another difficulty is non-cooperation among the races. According to WANG, "tremendous difficulties have arisen in the practice of autonomy and in the consolidation of the various races owing to long-standing feuds between them."
3. In some areas inhabited by minority nationals, Chinese officials are so overbearing that they patronize their counterparts and brand them as "backwards and hopeless". As a result they act on their own initiative and try to assume all authority. Only a few officials follow the prescribed routine, and many are jealous of some of the proficient officials among the minority nationals.

1. Comment. WANG has previously been reported as both chairman of the Minority Affairs Commission of the Southwest

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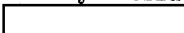
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